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**COUNTY EDUCATIONAL
CAMPAIGNS.**

Director F. M. Bralley of the Department of Extension of the University of Texas announces plans for county educational campaigns to be conducted jointly by the Department of Extension and the county superintendents of schools in the following eight counties: Hill, Bosque, Ellis, Montague, Grayson, Hunt, Lamar and Van Zandt. In several of these counties county farm demonstrators will accompany the county superintendent and the lecturers and assist in the work, and the commercial clubs will also give co-operation and help. Lectures will be made in each county at from five to seven places, the last appointment in each county being at the county seat, which will be the scene of a county educational rally.

Mr. Bralley in commenting upon the work said, "Last year county educational campaigns of this kind were conducted by the Department of Extension in Smith, Armstrong, Parker, Coryell and two or three other counties, and the work was regarded by the people of these counties as being exceptionally helpful along many different lines of public welfare. This year, however, county educational campaigns will be conducted not only in the eight counties herein mentioned, but in some eight or ten additional counties, making in all fifteen or twenty counties of the State."

CONFEDERACY DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Jefferson Davis' birthday will be celebrated by the students of the University of Texas who will designate the day as Confederacy Day. The exercises will be suspended and the entire student body will gather in the auditorium for an hour. The Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Confederacy, the last surviving brigadier general of the conflict, will be invited to attend the meeting and address the gathering. Professor W. S. Simkins, an ex-Confederate who organized the Klu Klux Klan in Florida, will make the principal address. In addition, two students, one from the North and one from the South, will also speak.

The Texan, the student daily paper, makes the following comment on the purpose of the celebration:

"The purpose of the setting apart such a day will be two-fold: First, an opportunity will be given whereby the young men and women of the University will be given the opportunity of perpetuating Southern traditions and paying tribute to Southern heroes. The argument in favor of this is that the traditions are worthy of being cherished, and, if the South does not respect her heroes, no other section will do so for her. Secondly, an opportunity will be thereby given for binding all sections closer together in the strong bond of true Nationalism. No bitterness or strife will be engendered, but the spirit of unity and patriotism will dominate the gathering and characterize the remarks of those requested to participate as speakers of the day."

Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, who represented over one million women, as national president of the Women's Federated Clubs in a lecture to the girls of the University of Texas declared that all girls should take a course in domestic science in order to prepare them for the duties of home life, and also to cultivate an interest in civic affairs, not only as a duty to the community but to the State as well.

That Texas girls are recognizing this fact is shown by the large number of girls taking courses in these subjects at the University and by the large attendance at Home Economics Week at the University.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S TEXAS APPOINTMENTS.

President Woodrow Wilson has recognized the worth of men who have been connected with the University of Texas by appointing eight men to prominent offices who were formerly connected with the institution. Mr. David F. Houston, formerly a professor and later Dean of the University of Texas, is now Secretary of Agriculture. Mr. A. S. Burleson, a graduate of the first Law class of the University, is Postmaster General. Mr. T. W. Gregory, a graduate of the class of 1885, and for a long time regent of the University, is special attorney in the Attorney General's Department. Mr. M. M. McLean, also a graduate, is at the head of one of the most important departments under the Postmaster General. Mr. R. E. Crawford, formerly of Houston and also a graduate, is connected with the Attorney General's Department. Mr. James C. Wilson, a classmate of Morris Sheppard, is United States District Attorney for the Northern District. Mr. John E. Green, Jr., who graduated only five years ago, is United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. Mr. Otto Praeger, a student in the early nineties, has just been appointed postmaster of Washington, D. C.

It is worthy of remark that all of these men have achieved success without the aid of wealth or position. While Mr. Burleson belongs to a prominent Texas family, at least in his early years he was not overly supplied with riches. Secretary Houston is the son of a farmer in South Carolina. Messrs. Gregory, Crawford, and Wilson have achieved success through years of self-denial and mainly without financial aid other than money they earned for themselves. Mr. McLean and Mr. Green are both sons of Methodist circuit riders. Mr. Praeger earned his way through College by doing newspaper work. The achievements of these eight men should be of inspiration to every poor and aspiring youth in the land.

TEXAS PROFESSORS RECOGNIZED.

At least eight professors and instructors in the University of Texas will be on the summer school faculty of the large institutions this year. This is regarded as quite a recognition of the ability of the instructing staff of the State's highest educational institution. Professor E. C. Barker of the History school will go to the University of California in exchange with Professor Herbert Bolton, who was formerly connected with the University of Texas. Professor Lewis H. Haney of the school of Economics will give courses in two of the big middle western universities, Chicago and Minnesota. Dr. George Calhoun, will give two courses at the University of Chicago, one in the Greek Drama and one on Homer. Dr. F. B. Marsh goes to the University of Michigan to give courses in History. Professor Prokosch, of the German school will return to the University of Wisconsin for the summer. Professor J. B. Wharey, of the English faculty, will teach in the Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Charles B. Austin, of the University Extension Department, will have charge of Economics at the University of Indiana. It is probable that other Texas professors will receive calls from other institutions.

Although still a smaller institution than the University of Kansas, the University of Texas has now in attendance 2503 students. That life among these students is democratic and wholesome is shown by the fact that not less than one thousand of them belong to the self-supporting class. Many of these students are earning all the money necessary to keep them in the University, while at the same time maintaining good class records. Free tuition in the University is just as important as free tuition in the public schools of which the University is the crown and head.

BOYS CONTESTS.

The country boys of the State are taking to the organized effort of the University of Texas to help them develop their bodies and to aid them in their school contests.

The annual State Meeting of the University Interscholastic League will be held at the University of Texas on Friday and Saturday, May 1st and 2nd, next. Chairman E. D. Shurter of the State Executive Committee and director of interscholastic athletics A. J. Robinson have begun preparations for holding the meet, and the program for all the various events will be announced soon. Last year there were over four hundred contestants and visitors at the University during the State meet, and the managers are making provision this year to take care of six hundred. There will be thirty-two debaters, sixteen contestants in senior declamation, sixteen in junior declamation, thirty-two in tennis, about three hundred contestants in high school and academy track events, and over a hundred in junior athletics. In addition, fully two hundred faculty representatives and visitors will be here.

So much interest has been created in the big State track meet, that the authorities have been forced to limit the number of contestants in track events from any one school, to eight. For five track men on each team and one faculty representative, the University will pay about sixty per cent rebate on railroad fare, and this rebate applies, also, to all contestants in tennis, declamation, and debate. Furthermore, a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip has been assured on all railroads.

Director Robinson states that attention should be called to the limitation of the number of events any one man may enter at the State meet this year, in order that no mistake will be made in filling the entry blanks which are being sent out this week. This rule was made to prevent over-exertion on the part of a few who would otherwise try too many events, and also to equalize the chances of winning the meet among the various teams. It will be harder, under this rule, for a team to win the meet with one or two stars unless the other men on the team are also first rate athletes. This rule will apply to all three divisions,—high school, academy, and junior school.

Five young women who were graduated at the University of Texas have recently abandoned teaching and taken up farming as an occupation. Miss Margaret E. Cobb, formerly of Cameron, Texas, is now running an alfalfa farm at Anthony, New Mexico. Miss Una Bedichek, whose home was at Eddy, Texas, and who later taught in the Belton High School and at Ballinger, has taken up a claim seven miles from Deming, New Mexico. Misses Alma and Lizzie Harris, two sisters, are running a farm at Columbus, New Mexico. Miss Emily Schostag, another graduate of the University, is living on a claim in West Texas.

A proposition to settle all past differences between the University of Texas and the A. & M. College is now being discussed by the alumni of each institution. It will require a constitutional amendment to bring about a separation of the two schools and to divide the University funds among them. The basis for settlement, as now being discussed, is for the University to have two-thirds of the lands and bonds it now holds and to give one-third to the A. & M. College. The proportion is based on the relative attendance of the two big institutions, though the University has at present considerably more than twice the number of students as has the A. & M. College.